

REMARKS

Claims 9, 10, 12, 15-17, 19, 22-24, 26, and 29 are now pending in the application. Withdrawn claims 13-14, 20-21, and 27-28 have been canceled. Minor amendments have been made to the specification and claims to simply overcome the objections to the claims. The amendments to the claims contained herein are of equivalent scope as originally filed and, thus, are not a narrowing amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 9, 10, 12, 15-17, 19, 22-24, 26 and 29 are allowed. The Examiner states that claims 12, 19, and 26 are objected to for minor informalities, but are otherwise allowable. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claims 12, 19, and 26 in accordance with the suggestions from the Examiner. Therefore, claims 12, 19, and 26 should now be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner

believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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